of pollution in cities/towns which do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The State Governments have already taken initiatives for preparing such action plans. So far action plans have been received for Bangalore, Shimla, Parwanoo, Damtal, Kolkata, Howrah, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Surat, Baroda, Ankleshwar, Rajkot and Vapi cities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

WWF for wildlife seizure

1811. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated 6th July, 2002, captioned WWF red tape spells end for wildlife seizure project.

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether Government would review and give life to the programme of WWF-TRAFFIC India which had the biggest wildlife trade seizures in the 90s; and

(d) if so, the efforts made by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (d) TRAFFIC-India was helping conservation efforts of the Government by providing intelligence and helping in apprehending the persons indulging in illegal trade of wildlife and its products. There are many other NGOs in Delhi doing similar type of work. Further, the Government has involved CBI, Customs Department and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence in control of poaching and illegal trade of wildlife products. In these circumstances termination of TRAFFIC-India project of WWF is unlikely to have any adverse impact on the wildlife conservation efforts in the country. Closure of TRAFFIC-India is an internal matter of WWF and it will not be appropriate for Government of India to intervene in the matter.